

TO: ALL COURT PERSONNEL  
FROM: ROBERT MORRISON, CHIEF JUDGE  
DATE: MARCH 16, 2020

In keeping with proclamations from the Governor and the Louisiana Supreme Court, the following will be instituted in the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court until further notice:

**JURY TRIALS/JURY DUTY:**

All civil and criminal jury trials are continued until April 9.

**CIVIL COURT:**

All civil court proceedings, unless otherwise herein noted, are cancelled until March 27.

Presently scheduled family court mediations shall continue as scheduled.

**Exceptions:** Emergency and other Juvenile Court proceedings, emergency child custody and interdiction proceedings, or other emergency matters, as set by the Court.

**CRIMINAL COURT:**

For all criminal proceedings involving defendants who are incarcerated, those proceedings will be conducted as normally as possible, but where permissible, by audio/video transmission.

In cases where the defendant is **NOT** incarcerated, the following shall apply:

- In felony cases, the defendant shall appear, and will receive new notices for court; defendants will be advised at the door as to whether to appear in court that day;
- In misdemeanor cases, these cases **will** be continued, and the defendant should appear to get a new court notice.
- Traffic court: will be postponed; new dates will be provided to the media and on the Court web site.

**PROTECTIVE ORDERS FROM ABUSE:**

Will proceed as scheduled.

**NON-SUPPORT COURT:**

Will be postponed for approximately thirty days; parties are to come to the courthouse to receive new notices for a future date.

**JUVENILE COURT:**

All issues pertaining to juvenile court will be addressed separately by Judge Edwards.